

in 2004 and is currently one of 48 clubs in the league. After joining, the Edison Cricket Club quickly moved into Conference A of that league and in 2010 earned 2nd place in the conference final.

The club is currently led by its president, Atul Huckoo. It has an Advisory Board consisting of public officials and representatives of media outlets, organizations, and others.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating the Edison Cricket Club on its 10th anniversary.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,217,151,645,105.86. We've added \$6,590,274,596,192.78 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.5 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATING KATHY TUELL FOR HER ANGEL IN ADOPTION DESIGNATION

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman whose commitment to improving the lives of children in the Florida Keys is only eclipsed by her success in doing so. In her eighteen years as President and CEO of the Florida Keys Children's Shelter, Kathy Tuell has served the needs of hundreds of children still without a family to call their own. These efforts proved fruitful during her participation in the federal workgroup that established basic standards for programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act.

It is my pleasure to congratulate Ms. Tuell for her recognition as one of this year's Angels in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

I commend Ms. Tuell for her accomplishments and service, as she serves as an exemplar citizen and advocate of the less fortunate.

NO WORDS—THANKING AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES THIS THANKSGIVING

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the selfless sacrifice and service of The Armed Forces and their families to our Nation on this Thanksgiving Day. Across this Nation many families will be separated by War

and Death on this Thanksgiving. Remember all of them, as you sit down with your families and say a prayer of Thanks to them all. I submit this tribute penned in honor of them "No Words" by Albert Carey Caswell.

NO WORDS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

No words!

No words of thanks can express!

On this Thanksgiving day,

what we so owe to America's Best!

And no words of thanks can ever repay the debt!

That we owe,

for what you so gave without regret!

And no words can erase,

all of the pain and heartache that you've faced!

And no words can so mend,

the loss of your loved ones, and your best friends!

And no words can ever describe,

all of the worry and heartache that you've lived with inside!

And no words can ever repay,

all of you whose eyes and arms and legs so gave!

And no words of thanks and gratitude can so rise!

High enough,

to thank all of you whose loved ones died!

And no words can ever heal,

all of the pain of which you now feel!

And no one can explain,

to all of those children . . .

that their mommy and daddy aren't coming home again!

And no words can so repay,

all of those Doctors . . .

Nurses, Medics, Corpsman, who helped rebuild your lives . . .

and from death you so saved!

For no words can so express,

our Nation's gratitude on This Thanksgiving to America's Best!

And no words can so bring back,

all of those Husbands and Wives,

Sons and Daughters . . .

Brothers and Sisters,

whose courage did not so lack!

And no words can ever repay,

all of you, America's Heroes on This Thanksgiving Day!

But Thanks!

To all of those in hospitals who now so lay!

And no words can not so stop all of those tears,

around Thanksgiving dinners,

for all of those who could not be here!

But Thank You!

Thank You!

Thank You!

Thank You This Thanksgiving Day!

A prayer for all of you upon bended knee we now so pray!

Because no words can thank you enough on this Thanksgiving Day,

Amen!

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATUE OF FREEDOM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. NORTON, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Statue of Freedom, which sits atop the dome of the U.S. Capitol, and Philip Reid, the Afri-

can American enslaved laborer who made significant contributions in the casting of the bronze figure. Originally named Freedom Triumphant in War and Peace, Reid was the only known slave to work on the colossal figure that stands at 19½ feet and weighs approximately 15,000 pounds.

Philip Reid was born a slave in Charleston, South Carolina around 1820, and was purchased during his youth by Clark Mills, who quickly recognized Reid's skills in ironworks. The first major project Mills and Reid worked on was the Andrew Jackson statue in Lafayette Square in 1852. The success of the Jackson statue made Mill's foundry the top candidate for the Statue of Freedom project. In 1859, the plaster model was being showcased outside the Capitol waiting to be disassembled for casting at the foundry. However, the Italian sculptor who assembled the five main sections of the plaster model in Washington refused to reveal how to separate the figure and demanded a pay raise. Facing a dire situation, Philip Reid stepped up and figured out that by using a pulley and tackle to pull the ring atop the model, the seams of the sections would be revealed. His dedication to see the Statue of Freedom complete pushed him to work straight through July 1, 1860, to May 16, 1861. Mr. Reid worked weeks without a break, only receiving pay on Sundays, which was given as a rest day for enslaved laborers. On Sundays, he received a pay of \$1.25 and went on to work for 33 Sundays, receiving \$41.25.

Philip Reid finally received his freedom on April 16, 1862, through the D.C. Compensated Emancipation Act, which ended slavery in the District of Columbia. Reid eventually went on to marry, start a business and become a highly respected member of the Free Black Society of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Philip Reid for his tireless effort as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Statue of Freedom on December 2, 2013. As Americans, it is crucial that we honor and commemorate this 150th anniversary of the Statue of Freedom. The completion of the statue on December 2, 1863, not only signified an era of newly minted freedom for the thousands of former enslaved African Americans, but it now stands as powerful symbol for freedom around the world.

Edward Savoy left the State Department, with a wealth of knowledge and the admiration of many in the United States and abroad. On his final day of work, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt sent his limousine to pick up Edward Augustine Savoy from the diplomatic entrance of the State Department to chauffeur him to the White House to be thanked for his service and congratulated on his retirement in a private meeting with the president. Edward Savoy was so revered that less than a year after his death, a U.S. Liberty Ship named for him was launched, the SS *Edward A Savoy*. Liberty Ships were named for deceased prominent Americans, among them were 17 named for African-Americans when the Army and Navy were still racially segregated.

Edward Savoy was also revered in his private life. He was a great family man, raising four successful children alone after his wife died. Edward was an early leader in District of Columbia organizations active in seeking justice. Among the many organizations in which he was active were The Oldest Inhabitants Association (Colored) of The District of Columbia